

Country Report on the Progress of PVP System in [JAPAN]

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(1) Progress in Japan's PVP system

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(1) -1 Revision of exception of farmer's use for propagating purposes

- Expansion of protected plant varieties from excepted for farmer's use for propagating purposes by revision of the ministerial ordinance (2017.3.22)

...Number of the protected varieties by the ordinance has been increased.

	vegetable	fruit	Ornamental plant	ornamental tree	mushroom	Total
Before the revision	4	3	53	19	3	82
Addition	22	6	94	65	22	209
Reduction by integration			2			
total	26	9	145	84	25	289

*non-listed protected varieties are protected by individual contracts.

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Further expansion of coverage is now considered.

(1) -2 Strengthening of Test Guidelines (TGs)

- Development of new national TGs : **11 genera and species** in 2016
- Revision of existing national TGs harmonizing with the UPOV TGs : **4 genera and species** in 2016

Enhancement of UPOV-TGs using Japanese knowledge and experience

(1) -3 Development of electronic application system in Japan

- National electronic application system is now under construction
- The system will be customized for frequent users.
(Applicants can apply under user friendly environment.)



To be started in February 2018

(1) -4 Cooperation of examination

- Japan concluded MOC on international cooperation on examination for effective PBR registration between 11 countries in 2016~2017.

(Australia, Brazil, NZ, Switzerland, Viet Nam, EU, Russian, Kenya, Mexico, Israel, Netherlands)



Australia



Brazil



NZ



Switzerland



Viet Nam



EU



Russian



Kenya



Mexico



Israel



Netherlands



Further MOCs between other UPOV members will be arranged, accordingly.

(1) -5 Abolition of the Main Crop Seeds Act

- After evaluation of the Main Crop Seeds Act;
 - ① Main objective of the act as for supplying high quality seeds mainly by public sector had been already achieved,
 - ② The act may hinder competitiveness of agricultural sector including private sector,the act was abolished in April 2017.
- Instead of the abolished act, the new act; Agriculture Competitiveness Enhancement Support Act has been enacted in May 2017.
- ➔ Under the new act, empowerment of agriculture sector including seed industry will be expected.

(2) Japan's international contribution

① Contribution to UPOV

a. Proposal and adoption of TG in UPOV TWPs

Adopted 6 genera and species / 2014~2016

b. Funds-in-Trust, Support for activities of UPOV

143,267CHF in 2017

- High Level Study Tour in Japan (July 2016)
- Making Tsuyahime video clip (2016~)
- Impact study of Viet Nam (2016)
- Support for legal consultation

c. In-kind contribution (Dispatch of a officer)

April 2017- Mr. Motomura

② Cooperation of examination